

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 2-17 and 19-46. Claims 1 and 18, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter, have been canceled in favor of new claims 45 and 46 to improve their form. Accordingly, claims 2-4, 10-11 and 28-32, which previously depended on claim 1, and claims 19, 21, 23, 26, 33 and 35, which previously depended on claim 18, have been amended to depend on new claims 45 and 46, respectively. These claims and claims 5-9, 12-17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 34 and 36-44 have also been amended to improve their form or remove reference numerals. The specification has also been amended to insert headings as requested by the Examiner. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the application was in condition for allowance, except for certain formal matters. Specifically, the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) as failing to show the "means recited in claims 1 and 18." The specification was objected to as lacking

headings, and claims 1-17, 19-20 and 28-32 were objected to because of certain informalities as set forth on pages 3-4 of the Office Action.

In response, Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 18 in favor of new claims 45 and 46, respectively. It appears that claims 1 and 18 may have been misunderstood in the use of the term "means" in those claims. In any event, new claims 45 and 46 do not recite a "means," which it is respectfully submitted overcomes the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a).

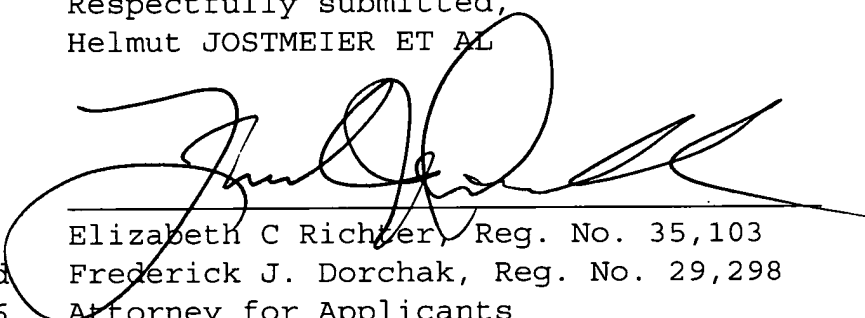
In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to insert headings and have amended, *inter alia*, claims 2-17, 19-20 and 28-32 to improve their form. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 2-17 and 19-44 have been amended, claims 1 and 18 have been canceled, and new claims 45 and 46 have been added. In addition, the specification has been amended. In view

of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. A prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants also submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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